

# *God's Invisible Manifestation*

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## **Rom 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

<sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

<sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

<sup>21</sup> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

<sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

<sup>23</sup> And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup> Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

<sup>25</sup> Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

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- God desires for everyone to know Him. He wants all of mankind saved and does not want anyone to perish. Peter states that God is longsuffering to us and is not slack concerning His promises; He is not willing that any should perish.
- Therefore, at times, He withholds himself from destroying us ultimately, giving us another chance to repent and to change our ways.
- Every morning, He awakes us to new mercies, fresh revelations, and great manifestations of His grace.
- God gives us joy and peace that surpasses all understanding; and, it's because of His love and grace, that we are grateful.
- I am grateful that every day I experience God in a very real way. For, He works within me to manifest His love for me. It's the presence of the Lord that I constantly long for.
- His manifestation of His love, power, and anointing in my life becomes my sustenance for living effectively and peacefully every day.
- I have learned that man will disappoint you many times throughout the day, but God keeps His promise of never leaving you, nor forsaking you.
- Therefore, today, I want to talk about God's invisible manifestation to all of us, saved and unsaved, and the relevance and importance of this manifestation, and also, the consequences of denying and ignoring His invisible manifestations.
- Paul teaches us in the Book of Romans how God has constantly manifested Himself to all of mankind. We don't need the Book of Romans to tell us that, for all of us are here, in worship service,

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because we recognize the tugging of something upon our heart; and that something, I declare to you, is the Holy Ghost, God Himself.

- The text teaches us that God does not only manifest blessings and favor from Heaven, but He also manifests His wrath, punishment, and chastisement.
- When we willingly ignore the urging of the Spirit of God upon our heart, we open ourselves up to personal and spiritual destruction.
- In today's text, we notice that it is written that God is speaking from heaven to the hearts of mankind and inwardly, we all experience His undeniable manifestation.
- People don't have to be saved to know what God has called them to do. Because, within their heart and mind, they have had an undeniable encounter with the Spirit of God, calling them to a higher walk and submission to a life of service and holiness.
- Just as the song states, there is something within us that is holding the reigns. The Lord speaks to all of our hearts, leading and guiding us into His holiness.
- The invisible things of God, which are expressed through His love, grace, favor, anointing, peace, wisdom, and provision, are clearly seen or manifested to mankind from the creation of the earth. Paul states that they were not just seen, but also understood.
- This proves that most people willingly deny the manifestation of God in their life, which causes them to turn to their own vain imaginations. Everything negative that we experience cannot be attributed to Satan or to demonic activity, but some of them are self induced and self imagined.

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- Paul later states in his epistle that men are inventors of evil. Our imaginations that are filled with worldliness and governed by sinful thinking cause us to push the unctioing of God aside and to yield ourselves to destructive ideologies.
- Therefore, we change God's glory and His glorious manifestation into an image that has limitations and restrictions, bound by worldly intent.
- This causes us to take the credit for our own success and blessings; attribute the working of our life to fate and worldly wisdom; and giving more honor to those of the world and to created things, more than to God.
- But, the same manifestation of God to our inward man is the same unctioing of faith that leads to salvation. When we appropriately yield to God speaking to our heart, it yields to a life of joy and anticipation of outward expressions of His glory.

- Paul writes in:

## **Col 1:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> Even **the mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

<sup>27</sup> To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**:

- God's invisible manifestation to the hearts of men has been a mystery throughout the ages. But, now, since the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost we know that this manifestation is what we all have hoped for, Christ in us, our hope of glory.

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- Our outward expressions of God in our life are dependent upon Christ being within us. Christ in us speaks of the anointing of Jesus operating within our souls.
- This anointing is written about in:

## **Isa 61:1-3**

**61** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

<sup>2</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

<sup>3</sup> To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

- Now, that which He is speaking within us is upon us. God works within us to change our outward expressions in life.
- He changes our hearts so that we may change the life of others and also, that we may destroy the works of Satan and sin.
- He gives us manifestations of truth so that we may direct others to Him and that we may glorify Him for His goodness to all of us.
- Therefore, we always have a reason to praise God. If He is still speaking to our heart, our mind, and our soul, we know that He still loves us and cares enough about us to be concerned.
- But, in closing, we must give Him the preeminence in every aspect of our lives. Preeminence is the supremacy and incomparability of God, giving Him all the glory and honor due unto Him; it is simply putting

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Him first and seeking Him and his will before we commit ourselves to anything else, or to anything other than God.

- Lastly, Paul writes concerning Jesus in:

## **Col 1:15-18**

<sup>15</sup> Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

<sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

<sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

- Jesus wants to be first in everything of our lives. He does not like being pushed aside so that we may satisfy our own agenda and selfish ways.
- So, commit to seeking Him first in all that you do. Yield to the invisible manifestation of God in your life, so that you may experience an outward manifestation of His glory.